THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The round-about at the Gold Dak Khana is very busy particularly during moring and noon when the nearby schools open and close.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The New Delhi Municipal Council has reported that all the roads emanating from this round-about are provided with zebra lines to facilitate easy crossing of the roads with proper road light arrangement. In addition the NDMC has also engaged Central Road Research Institute to conduct traffic studies for possible solutions.

Setting up of City Challenge Fund and Urban Reform Incentive Fund

†1990. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to set up a City Challenge Fund and Urban Reform Incentive Fund for the development of Urban Zones of the country;

(b) if so, the amount proposed to be provided at the initial stage in each of the above funds;

(c) whether the amount of these funds have been utilized; and

(d) if so, the amount spent upto December, 2002 from these funds separately:

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) City Challenge Fund (CCF) envisages to catalyse city level economic reforms to creat credit worthy & sustainable cities on competitive basis. An allocation of Rs. 500 crore has been made in the 10th Five Year Plan for CCF. The draft policy report and operational guidelines for CCF prepared by Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad have been discussed by Government with State representatives in a heeting held at Hyderabad

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on 13.2.2003. The norms proposed in the guidelines are under revision and would require approval of Government as per prescribed procedure before the fund can be operationalised.

Urban Reforms Incentive Fund (URIF) envisages to provide reform linked assistance to States. A provision of Rs. 500 crore has been made in the crrent year's budget for the implementation of URIF as part of Additional Central Assistance to Annual Plans of the States. Planning Commission has worked out State-wise allocations on the basis of share of each State in urban population and included the same among States' resources at the time of fixing the size of Annual Plan. The process of release would, however, be initiated by States individually by entering into a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the Central Government. The above position has been brought to the notice of all State Governments along with the draft MOA to be signed by them. This issue was also deliberated upon in the Housing Minister's Conference held on 12.9.2002. General consenus is that urban reforms is a lengthy process and reforms cannot be thrust upon the States.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Scheme of loan to start self employment

†1991. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a scheme for providing loan to start self employment by dalits, backward people and people living below poverty line in the urban areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount provided under this scheme during the year 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and till February, 2003?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON

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